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APPLICANTS: Moutsatos I. et al.  
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FOR: GENETICALLY ENGINEERED CELLS, WHICH EXPRESS  
BONE MORPHOGENIC PROTEINS

**AMENDMENT**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated December 10, 2003 issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Application. A response was due March 10, 2004. Applicants are concurrently filing a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time. Therefore, a response is now due on April 10, 2004. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject Application as follows: